

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 MADRID 04824 041556Z
ACTION NEA-11

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 ARA-10 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00
PM-05 H-01 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01
SP-02 SS-15 ICA-11 TRSE-00 OMB-01 EB-08 COME-00
HA-05 IO-13 /124 W
-----018713 041706Z /72

R 041544Z MAY 78
FM AMEMBASSY MADRID
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4464
INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS
USINT BAGHDAD
AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT
AMEMBASSY RABAT
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV
AMEMBASSY VALLETTA
USINT HAVANA

C O N F I D E N T I A L MADRID 04824

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PDIP, IZ, SS, SP
SUBJECT: IRAQUI VICE PRESIDENT VISITS MADRID

REF: USINT BAGHDAD 899 NOTAL

1. THE APRIL 28-30 VISIT TO SPAIN OF IRAQUI VICE PRESIDENT MAAROUF WENT VERY WELL, ACCORDING TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S CHIEF FOR NORTH AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST (CAJAL). WHILE THE TWO REGIMES ARE SOME DISTANCE APART BY MANY MEASURES, SAID CAJAL, IT WAS CLEAR THAT THERE EXISTED A "POLITICAL WILL" ON THE PART OF THE GOI TO FACILITATE SPANISH ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN/WITH IRAQ. CAJAL ALSO EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE SATISFACTION OVER THE DISMAY IRAQUI SUPPORT FOR THE SPANISH POSITION ON BOTH THE SAHARA AND THE CANARY ISLANDS (SEE BELOW) WAS LIKELY TO CAUSE IN ALGIERS. KING JUAN CARLOS WILL VISIT IRAQ SOON, CAJAL
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 MADRID 04824 041556Z

CONFIDED, PROBABLY IN JUNE IN TANDEM WITH HIS TRIP TO CHINA (MADRID 1382).

2. MIDDLE EAST. IN THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE, THE TWO SIDES STRESSED THE NEED FOR LIBERATION OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND UNDERScoreD THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE (THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE ESTABLISHED GOS

POSITION). THE VIOLATION OF LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY WAS CONDEMNED. ACCORDING TO CAJAL, IN DISCUSSION OF THE ME PROBLEM THE IRAQUIS REJECTED NOT ONLY THE SADAT-BEGIN CONTACT BUT ALSO THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. ASKED BY THE SPANISH ABOUT POSSIBLE MEANS FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION, THE IRAQUIS SPOKE SOMEWHAT VAGUELY OF THE UN, NOTING IT WAS THE UN WHICH HAD CREATED WHAT THEY REFERRED TO ONLY AS "THE ZIONIST ENTITY". THE IRAQUIS WERE OPPOSED, SAID CAJAL, TO RESOLUTION 242.

3. THE MAGHREB, THE SAHARA, AND THE CANARIES. THE COMMUNIQUE WRAPPED THESE THEMES INTO ONE, BY WHICH THE SPANISH SIDE PRESENTED ITS POLICY OF "FRIENDSHIP AND BALANCE... IN NORTH AFRICA AND THE SPANISH DESIRE TO MAINTAIN THE BEST RELATIONS WITH THE COUNTRIES OF THE MAGHREB WITHIN MUTUAL RESPECT AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS" (THE LAST PHRASE AIMED BY THE GOS AT ALGERIA). "THE IRAQUI DELEGATION", SAID THE COMMUNIQUE, "FULLY SHARES THE CRITERIA PUT FORTH BY THE SPANISH SIDE". IN ADDITION TO NOTING THE UNDERCUTTING EFFECT THIS HAD ON ALGERIA, CAJAL ALSO OPINED THAT THE SUPPORT OF IRAQ, A RADICAL COUNTRY (ALTHOUGH NOT A MEMBER OF THE OAU), WOULD BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL ON THE CANARIES ISSUE. THE IRAQUIS IN FACT UNDERTOOK TO BACK THE SPANISH CAUSE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 MADRID 04824 041556Z

4. CAJAL MAY HAVE OFFERED A CLUE REGARDING MAAROUF'S VALLETTA STOP WHEN HE VOLUNTEERED THAT DISCUSSIONS HERE HAD INCLUDED THE MALTESE PROPOSAL IN THE CSCE TO OPEN THAT FORUM TO ALL THE COASTAL MEDITERRANEAN STATES. STABLER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: VICE PRESIDENT, PRESIDENT, REPORTS, VISITS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 04 may 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978MADRID04824
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X1
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780190-1248
Format: TEL
From: MADRID
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780594/aaaadbwc.tel
Line Count: 99
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: cde798a4-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 02 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2794499
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: IRAQUI VICE PRESIDENT VISITS MADRID
TAGS: PDIP, IZ, SS, SP, (MAAROUF, DENT)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/cde798a4-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014